Top 8 Injury-Related Deaths 1989-1998 Rhode Island (All Races, Both Sexes)

Cause Injury	# of Deaths	Percent
MVTraffic/Transport	913	23%
Suicide	812	20%
Falls	486	12%
Homicide	236	6%
Suffocation	172	4%
Drowning/Submersion	135	3%
Poisoning	131	3%
Fire/Burn	117	2%
Unspec/OtherSpec	372	9%
		
		0% 5% 10% 15% 20% 25%

(Total Injury Deaths = 4,019)

Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (http://webapp.cdc.gov/sasweb/ncipc/mortrate.html)

- Injury is the leading cause of death in the United States and Rhode Island among those ages 1 to 44.
- Injuries kill at least one person in Rhode Island every day.
- Firearms were used in 53% of homicides and 35% of suicides.
- Fire/burn is the 8th leading cause of injury death for Rhode Islanders.
- There is a major gap between what we already know about preventing injuries and what is being done in our communities, work places and clinics. (The Institute of Medicine report, Reducing the Burden of Injury, 1999)

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